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IN THE SENATE
SENATE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.B. NO. 256

On page 1 of the printed amendment, delete lines 1 through 35; and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 18 and insert:

"AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 1 of the printed bill, in line 29, following "hours" insert: ", or for approved school activities as provided in subsection (4) of this section".

On page 2, delete lines 11 and 12, and insert:

"(e) The costs of providing transportation to and from approved school activities as may be approved by rules of the state board of education;";
in line 13, delete "~~(f)~~" and insert: "(f)"; in line 24, delete ", unless the school district"; delete line 25; in line 26, delete "case the cost per student rider shall be used"; in line 28, delete "if applicable"; delete lines 30 through 33, and insert: "is more favorable to the school district. A school district may".

AMENDMENT TO THE BILL

On page 4, following line 24, insert:

"SECTION 2. That Chapter 10, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 33-1006A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

33-1006A. PUPIL TRANSPORTATION AUDITS. The state department of education shall audit the transportation operations of any school district with more than twenty (20) enrolled students per square mile that meets both of the following criteria:

(a) The school district's reimbursable costs, based on a three (3) year rolling average of the district's reimbursable costs, exceed one hundred three percent (103%) of the statewide average reimbursable cost per student rider; and

(b) The school district's costs, based on a three (3) year rolling average, are higher on a cost per student rider basis than on a cost per mile basis, as compared to the statewide average reimbursable costs for such measures.

For school districts audited under the provisions of this section, the state department of education shall furnish written recommendations for changes to improve the efficiency of transportation operations including, but not limited to, changes in bell times and routing. Recommendations shall not include changes regarding the decision of a school district on whether to contract for pupil transportation services or to provide such services directly. The recommendations shall state the amount that the department estimates that the school district's total expenditures will be reduced by implementing each recommendation. The department shall discuss its recommendations with the school district prior to finalizing them.

1 School districts failing to implement any recommendations in the subsequent school year
 2 shall have their transportation reimbursement reduced in that year by the lesser of the amount
 3 that the department estimated would be saved by all unimplemented recommendations, or the
 4 amount that the district's reimbursement would be reduced if the district were prohibited from
 5 using the cost per mile cap calculation pursuant to section 33-1006(5), Idaho Code."; and in
 6 line 25, delete "SECTION 2" and insert: "SECTION 3".

7 On page 6, following line 34, insert:

8 "SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist,
 9 Section 2 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval."

10 CORRECTIONS TO TITLE

11 On page 1, in line 2, following "SCHOOLS" insert: "AND TRANSPORTATION
 12 SUPPORT"; delete lines 3, 4 and in line 5, delete "FOR CERTAIN COSTS" and insert:
 13 "TO PROVIDE THAT THE ONLY MILES FOR WHICH COSTS MAY BE REIMBURSED
 14 SHALL BE MILES DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSPORTING STUDENTS FOR
 15 CERTAIN PURPOSES"; following line 11, insert: "AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 33,
 16 IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1006A, IDAHO CODE,
 17 TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL AUDIT
 18 CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS
 19 AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REDUCTIONS IN REIMBURSEMENT;"; in line
 20 12, delete "AND"; and in line 15, following "COSTS" insert: "; AND DECLARING AN
 21 EMERGENCY".